

Edgewater Casino Gala Celebrates Vancouver's Chinese Cuisine

Vancouver, BC (January 16, 2009) – Edgewater Casino was pleased to be the title sponsor and host of the first annual Edgewater Casino Chinese Restaurant Awards, recognizing Metro Vancouver's best signature dishes in Chinese dining.

Chosen by an esteemed panel of judges, led by food writer and cookbook author Stephen Wong, and food and travel writer Stephanie Yuen, awards went to 25 dishes based on taste, presentation and creative use of key and local ingredients. Some of the award-winning signature dishes included:

- Most Innovative Dish: Guoba (crispy rice) with salty egg yolk, *Loon's Noodle House*
- Cold Appetizer: Jelly Pork, *Shanghai River Restaurant*
- Scallops: Scallop-stuffed Zigua, *Jade Dynasty Restaurant*
- King Crab: Live Alaska King Crab, served in four courses, *Excelsior Restaurant*

Chinese chefs in the Vancouver area have a long history of creating signature dishes that have not only inspired the current local cuisine movement, but also gained a loyal following among visitors from across the Pacific.

"Edgewater Casino is proud to be the title sponsor of the first-ever Chinese Restaurant Awards," said Paul Ahluwalia, Vice President and GM of Edgewater Casino. "Vancouver's vibrant Chinese restaurant scene has an abundance of talent and inspiration, as demonstrated by the excellent quality of award-winning dishes. Many congratulations to the chefs for their creativity and hard work."

As Vancouver's premier downtown casino, Edgewater Casino was the ideal venue and sponsor of the Chinese Restaurant Awards. The event was held in the Casino's Stadium Club; the vibrant theatre-style venue has showcased everything from nuevo Burlesque shows and exclusive red carpet events, to pay-per-view sports games on three 18' big screens.

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About Edgewater Casino www.edgewatercasino.ca

Edgewater Casino is Vancouver's premier downtown casino, located on the Plaza of Nation's waterfront shores. Sophisticated table games such as Baccarat, Roulette, and Blackjack or the fast-paced action of over 500 slot machines ensures there is something for every level of player. Recognized as a world-class entertainment destination and industry leader in customer service; Edgewater provides its guests with the ultimate dynamic gaming experience 24 hours, 7 days a week.

About Chinese Restaurant Awards www.chineserestaurantawards.com

Chinese Restaurant Awards (CRA) is a not-for-profit organization made up of food & marketing professionals. The goals are to recognize and promote Chinese culinary arts and culture and acknowledge the skill of local Chinese restaurateurs and chefs. Chinese Restaurant Awards highlights, rewards and celebrates the best of Chinese dining in the Lower Mainland.